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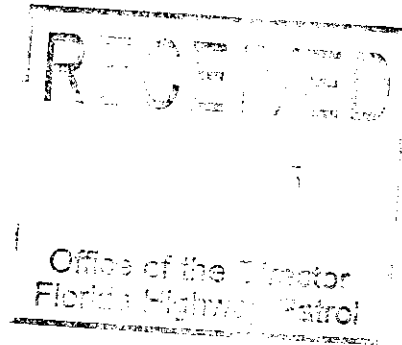
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Col. Chris Knight
Director Florida Highway Patrol
Neil Kirkman Building
2900 Apalachee Parkway
Tallahassee, FL 32399

Re: William S. Peacock

Dear Col. Knight,



I write to you about the life of Trooper Buddy Peacock who died last week. By writing to you I hope to write to all peace officers whose lives Buddy has touched.

I have known Buddy for almost twenty years as you probably know he was with the Florida Highway Patrol and worked his way up to Lieutenant. Buddy's last office right up to his passing away was State Wide Director for the Florida Peace Officers.

Buddy has worked tirelessly for decades for the Highway Patrol and peace officers in the political arena. I stopped to see Buddy about a month before he died; he was manning the Florida Peace Officers headquarters a little brick building in Tallahassee with a big American Flag out front. I drove by that office every day to and from work. I intended to visit Buddy only for about 15 minutes, I ended up talking with him for an hour and half.

Buddy loved the Patrol and he told me of past political victories and mistakes leadership had made in the past. Buddy showed me that values, leadership and attention to detail from the recruit on up, can have lasting affect on an organization for generations. Buddy knew about political power and he worked tirelessly for the Patrol and all law enforcement officers most never even knew of his hard work. Buddy never criticized anyone he also never boasted of any of the hard work he had done over the decades for which the Patrol and every Florida Peace Officer who now benefits.

Buddy always used the term we did this and we did that, never taking credit or the hard work motivated by the love he had for the Florida Highway Patrol. Buddy was the consummate trooper.

A month before Buddy died his hair was combed his clothing and shoes could have passed any inspection. He had a quite strength and was very much in control. I never heard Buddy lecture anyone, he was the kind of officer who you learned to be a better officer and person by just watching what he did not what he said to do.

I could tell Buddy wasn't well, he looked pale, but then he started talking about the Patrol and law enforcement officers and his eyes lit up and he became alive.

Buddy never complained even a month away from death, his head was held high and kind of made you feel you were a better person for even knowing him. I will miss Buddy very much; he made me want to be a better person. Buddy had that great quite strength to call himself a peace officer not law enforcement officer.

Buddy never sought credit or recognition for what he did. Buddy Peacock was as we said in the Marine Corps was the real deal. He will be sorely missed because goodness, knowledge and the ability to execute well planned policy based on American values is so extremely rare. May God Bless America, Buddy Peacock, and his family which includes each and every peace officer in this State. We should all remember Buddy for who he was and what he has done to touch all our lives.

Sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Granville E. Petrie". The signature is stylized with a large, sweeping "G" and a long horizontal line extending to the right.

Granville E. Petrie

CC: Florida Peace Officers